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In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 09, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2006.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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